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ALL WEATHER OPERATIONS DIVISIONAL MEETING, MONTREAL,
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1. WITH GRADUAL TERMINATION OF HOLIDAY HIATUS IN NEW
ZEALAND, WE HAVE SUCCEEDED IN BRIEFING DIRECTOR OF
CIVIL AVIATION I F B WALTERS ON US TRSB AS PER REFTELQ
POUVC MATZPIAL MENTIONSGIREFTEL STILL NOT RECEIVEDJR
WALTERS HOWEVER IS FAMILIAR WITH THE SUBJECT MATTER AND
SEEMED CONVERSANT WITH THE US TRSB AND ITS COMPETITOR
SYSTEMS.

2. IN WALTER'S VIEW, THE UK DOPPLER SYSTEM IS THE
PRINCIPAL COMPETITOR TO THE TRSB. WALTERS STATED THAT
LAST YEAR THE UK INVITED TWO OF HIS STAFF TO KRISTIANSUND,
NORWAY TO SEE THE DOPPLER SYSTEM IN OPERATION AND THAT THE
UK FUNDED THE TRAVEL COSTS FOR THE TWO - ONE AN OPERATIONS
OFFICIAL OF THE CIVIL AVIATION DIVISION, MINISTRY OF
TRANSPORT AND THE OTHER FROM THAT DIVISION'S ENGINEERING
STAFF. WALTERS SAID THAT HIS DIVISION IS VERY INTERESTED
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IN THE TRSB BUT HAS BEEN UNABLE TO SEE IT IN OPERATION
TO DATE AND THAT TRAVEL FUNDS HAVE BEEN SEVERELY CUT BACK
AS A RESULT OF ECONOMY MOVES WITHIN THE GNZ. HE ASKED
WHETHER THERE WOULD BE A POSSIBILITY THAT, IF THESE SAME
TWO OFFICIALS TRAVELLED TO LOS ANGELES ON AIR NEW ZEALAND
(WHICH CAN BE ARRANGED AT NO EXPENSE TO THE GNZ) THE USG
OR THE US MANUFACTURER OF THE TRSB COULD FUND THEIR

ROUND TRIP TRAVEL FROM LOS ANGELES TO A SITE WHERE THEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO SEE THE TRSB IN USE. WITHOUT US-ORIGIN FUNDING SUCH TRAVEL WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE.

3. URGENTLY REQUEST INDICATION ANSWER WE SHOULD GIVE WALTERS. HE IS PREPARED TO HAVE HIS PEOPLE VISIT THE USA IN TIME TO MAKE A COMPARATIVE EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATION BEFORE ALL WEATHER OPERATIONS MEETING IN MONTREAL IN APRIL IF FUNDING CAN BE ARRANGED FROM A US SOURCE. IF INFORMATION MENTIONED PARA 4 REFTEL HAS NOT YET BEEN SENT TO WELLINGTON, REQUEST IT BE SENT INTERNATIONAL AIRMAIL SOONEST. SELDEN

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